

SCENES IN VENICE.

[Correspondence of News and Citizen.]

Filled with many forebodings as to the experiences which might await two ladies traveling alone in Italy, we alighted from the train at Venice. The pronunciation of the name of our pension, echoed along the line of the porters, brought, as if by magic, a little man to our rescue. When he spoke to us in German, we felt at once relieved, and when a moment later we found ourselves seated comfortably in a gondola, we were well able to give ourselves up to the full enjoyment of our first gondola ride.

The quiet of a city whose thoroughfares are canals, and where horses' hoofs are never heard is at once restful and impressive. We felt at once at home in a gondola, and leaned back upon the black cushions with a sigh of relief and delight. The movement of a gondola is unlike that of any other conveyance; there is just enough motion to be pleasing; the gondoliers move with a graceful swaying movement, apparently without effort, uttering now and then a musical cry, as we are about to turn a corner; we glide by palace after palace, discolored by time and weather, but possessing elements of grandeur still in the graceful architecture and rich carvings; we seem to be living in another world.

Finally we land on the stone steps of our pension where we stand in imminent danger of falling into the green waters of the canal, until the door is opened and we are admitted to our temporary home.

From the first, Venice is to us an enchanting city, we feel as if we should never tire of gliding over the waters of the canals, or strolling through the narrow streets.

Our first visit is of course to St. Mark's Square, the center of life in Venice. There can hardly be a public square in the world more fascinating than this one; we stand before the church of St. Mark's, spellbound; it rises before us like a fairy creation, a dream moulded into form. We are not prepared for the Oriental style of the church, both in form and coloring. It is surmounted by many Byzantine domes of different sizes, pointed turrets, each with a statue in the niche, adorn the front and sides of the roof; in the arches, each of which is surmounted with a statue and enriched with carving, are beautiful mosaics with a gold background; mosaics are again to be seen over each portal, and gilding is everywhere, thus making the church not only beautiful in form, but in color.

Over the central door stands four bronze horses, which are remarkable not only for the workmanship, but for their history. They once crowned the triumphal arch of Nero, and later that of Trajan. Constantine sent them to Constantinople, from whence they were brought to Venice. But their travels were not ended, and they were carried by Napoleon to Paris, but were fortunately restored at last to the position on St. Mark's, where they now stand, the only horses in the city.

The interior of the church is also brilliant and beautiful, the walls and ceiling being entirely covered with mosaics, of which there are 45,190 square feet in the church. From a gallery half way up the church the mosaics may be seen to better advantage, and the shading of the robes of the saints is found to be exquisite.

After viewing the building one's attention is attracted to the scenes from human life which are being enacted there; an old priest in a blue robe sits on a bench quietly sleeping, while his collection box rests beside him; a troop of little girls, accompanied by a woman, go through the customary bowing before the altar and the making of the sign of the cross, and then skip out in the most light-hearted manner as if glad that their duty was done; a soldier in a long black cape, three-cornered hat and buckled shoes moves by; a group of people dressed in mourning kneel for a moment before a bronze figure of the Virgin; an artist is painting a picture of the gorgeous interior, while a group of Italian children stand watching her; an old woman coming toward one of the altars in apparent devotion, begs in a whining voice; all day these varied figures pass in and out of the old church.

Outside, in the square, life seems to be a perpetual holiday; the band is playing; the pigeons, which always frequent the square, fly about, often resting on the head and arms of someone who feeds them; crowds of gaily dressed people walk to and fro or lunch at the little tables outside the cafes. Every Italian seems instinctively to love color and as they usually combine colors in a harmonious way, the effect is very pleasing. Pretty children are seen everywhere, the oval faces which the artist loves to paint, surrounded with dainty, clustering rings of black hair. High into the air towers the campanile or bell tower, near at hand is the grand palace of the Doges, back of which is the Bridge of Sighs, a peculiar covered archway enriched with carving, which forms an attractive picture scene against the blue background of the sky, with the green waters of the canal below.

Another point of great interest in Venice is the old Rialto bridge, lined with tiny shops where cheap articles of jewelry are sold; just beyond is the fruit market, and in the region of the bridge is the scene of Shylock's money-changing, which he refers to when speaking to Antonio:—"Many a time and oft in the Rialto have you rated me about my money and my usances." Many Jews still live in Venice and some gray-bearded old man with shrewd, piercing eyes,

may be selected to serve as Shylock as we endeavor to picture the scenes of the play in our imagination.

One imagines that he must always ride in a gondola in Venice, but soon finds that long walks may be taken, but it is very easy to lose one's way in Venice, winding in and out through narrow alleys, only wide enough for one to walk at a time. One almost expects to see an Italian dart out from some secret hiding place with the traditional dagger in his hand, to stab the harmless passerby, but the Italians are very peaceable when their anger is not aroused. They are very importunate however, and we stopped occasionally to trace our way by the map, a dozen gondoliers were sure to spring up and, expatiating upon the beauties of some church, try to persuade us to patronize them. Sometimes in despair we fled from them and found a small boy, who at the sight of five cents would gladly guide us to the desired place.

It is the delight of all the old beggars to anticipate one's entrance into a church by rushing forward and opening the door, for which service they, of course expect a fee. Many were the devices we planned to get rid of these beggars and to find another entrance to the church, but all in vain.

The finest paintings are scattered throughout the city in the old churches which makes visits to many churches necessary if one wishes to see the art of the Venetian school. One soon becomes familiar with the "sanctified odor" as we called it, the mingled odor of incense and dampness which greets one at the entrance of each old church, and finally a day which does not include a visit to a church is hailed with joy.

Our idea of palaces changes a little as we find that a palace is often much like an ordinary house, only perhaps a little colder and damper, not always the beautiful marble structure which our fancy has pictured it. But a gondola ride along the grand canal shows us that many really beautiful marble palaces once made Venice the "Bride of the Sea," for even now when in their decay the "palaces are crumbling to the shore," there is a majesty and grandeur about their blackened walls which affords a faint suggestion of the beauty of former days.

A walk at sunset along the shores of the canal, with the setting sun sending red gleams across the water, the black forms of the gondolas resting by the shore, and the red brown sails of a fishing boat, seen against the background of the sky, gives us a last impression of beautiful Venice, peaceful always, thronged with associations and memories of great names, and days of grandeur.

MRS. A. H. CAMPBELL.

There is a pleasing contrast between the 1,189 steerage passengers brought to Boston Sunday afternoon by the Cunard steamer Pavonia and the bulk of the hordes which have lately arrived in New York on incoming Trans-Atlantic steamships. While the latter have been largely, if not mainly, composed of these-called indigestible element of immigration, the Pavonia's steerage passengers were practically all of the best type—strong, clean-looking English, Scotch, Irish and Scandinavian people, mostly young, unmarried men. This is good stock, and in this instalment from the other side is seen the material for good citizens. Such immigration is a benefit to the community and the country, and needs encouragement rather than restriction.

"The roar of the factions," as ex-Gov. Roberts calls it, presages a split in the Democratic party of Texas, with the certainty of ensuing defeat.

Now the farmer sows the seed.

Vermont Prohibitionists.

The Prohibition party met in state convention at Montpelier last Thursday and nominated the following state ticket:—

Governor, Rodney Whittemore, of St. Albans.

Lieutenant-governor, C. W. Wyman, of Brattleboro.

Secretary of state, Rev. A. M. Woodruff, of East Hardwick.

State treasurer, Milo Davidson, of Newfane.

Auditor of accounts, E. W. Wheeler, of Richmond.

Judge Whittemore was nominated for governor in 1894 and received 457 votes.

H. C. Barnes, of Swanton, C. W. Wyman, of Brattleboro, Rodney Whittemore, of St. Albans, Rev. G. L. Story, of Milton, C. M. Winchester, of Williamstown, G. W. Morrow, of Randolph, B. A. Beatty, of Sheldon, and D. A. Kneeland, of Waitsfield, were elected delegates to the national convention at Pittsburgh, Pa., May 27, and it was voted that the executive committee be empowered to appoint alternates.

Presidential electors were chosen as follows:—

H. C. Barnes, of Swanton.

Dr. C. B. Wilson, of Bradford.

Prof. H. M. Seelye, of Middlebury.

Dr. L. W. Hanson, of Barre.

Here is the platform:—

"The Prohibition party of Vermont in Convention assembled in reliance on Almighty God, hereby declares that we are opposed to the manufacture, importation, exportation, and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes and in view of the universal declaration of different church bodies against the liquor traffic we invite their co-operation with us in sustaining at the ballot box the candidates of the only party whose deliverances are in accordance with these declarations. We invite also with them all others of whatsoever belief and party who are against the saloon, and its corrupt influences to join with us in voting into power, a party pledged for its overthrow. Earnestly believing that the success of this great principle is assured as soon as the believers in it will lay aside their different party affiliations and united in its support we again appeal for a united support for the state and national conventions of our party."

The convention was presided over by Rev. G. W. Morrow, of Randolph, and G. L. Story, of Milton, was secretary. There were about 40 delegates present. A subscription raised \$160 on the \$200 indebtedness of the party. The executive committee is as follows:—F. H. Shepard, of Fair Haven, C. W. Wyman, of Brattleboro, G. L. Story, of Milton, A. G. Ferguson, of Burlington, and W. H. Sargent, of St. Johnsbury.

A Big Ash Heap.

April followed March in presenting a fire record that dispelled hopes of a big falling off in losses this year based on the good showing of January and February, in both of which months the destruction was less than in 1895. March took a jump ahead, reporting an aggregate of \$14,329,300.

and \$9,147,100 in 1894. April did little better. The figures are given by the New York Journal of Commerce. The fire loss last month in the United States and Canada was \$12,010,600, against \$11,018,150 in 1895 and \$11,540,000 in 1894. The totals for four months are as follows:—

1896 \$47,620,300
1895 49,512,250
1894 42,553,100

Cripple Creek, Col., is responsible for the two big fires of April, one involving a loss of \$800,000 and the other destroying \$2,000,000 worth of property. The present year has less than \$2,000,000 to make up in order to surpass the record of 1895, and it looks as though it were bound to do it. American carelessness continues to make a big ash heap.

"There's many a slip
Between the cup and the lip,"
And many a man enterprising
Has failed in his store
'Cause he didn't give more
Attention to his advertising.

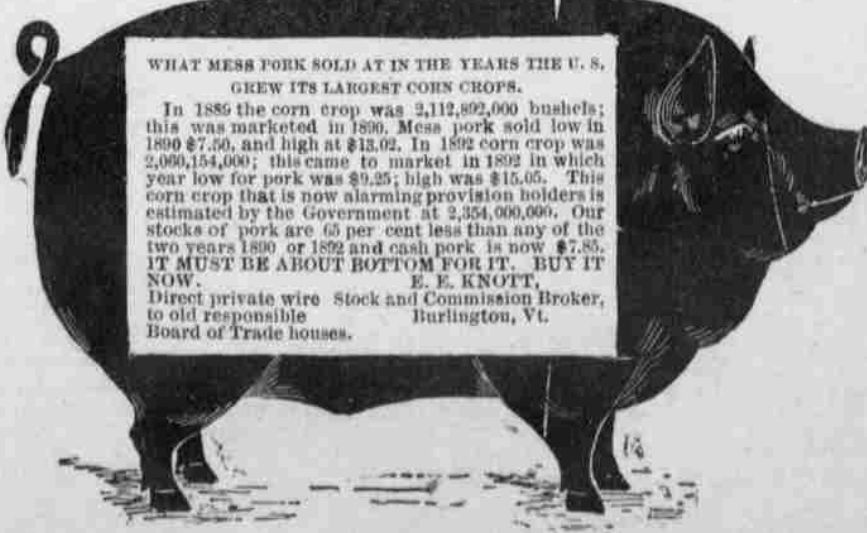
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In 1886 the corn crop was 2,112,000 bushels;

this was marketed in 1890, Mess. pork sold low in

1890 \$7.50, and high at \$13.02. In 1892 corn crop was

2,000,154,000; this came to market in 1892 in which

year low for pork was \$9.25, high was \$15.05. This

corn crop that is now alarming provision holders is

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two years 1890 or 1892 and cash pork is now \$7.50.

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Obstinacy and contradiction are like a paper kite; they are only kept up so long as you pull against them.

Eczema is a frightful affliction, but like all other skin diseases it can be permanently cured by applications of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It never fails to cure Piles, Dwinell, Morrisville; Vearen, Stowe; Allen, No. Hyde Park; Hubbell, Wolcott.

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In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, for they always cleanse the liver, purify the blood and invigorate the system. Dwinell, Morrisville; Vearen, Stowe; Allen, No. Hyde Park; Hubbell, Wolcott.

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One Minute is the standard time, and One Minute Cough Cure is the standard preparation for every form of cough or cold. It is the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Dwinell, Morrisville; Vearen, Stowe; Allen, No. Hyde Park; Hubbell, Wolcott.

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Mrs. R. DeYoung, Middleburg, Ia., writes:—I have used One Minute Cough Cure for six years both for myself and children, and I consider it the quickest acting and most satisfactory Cough Cure I have ever used. Dwinell, Morrisville; Vearen, Stowe; Allen, No. Hyde Park; Hubbell, Wolcott.

We may appear great in an employment below merit; but we often appear little in one that is too high for us.

Did you ever think how rapidly the blood is poisoned by constipation? Bad blood means bad health and premature old age. DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills, overcome obstinate constipation. Dwinell, Morrisville; Vearen, Stowe; Allen, No. Hyde Park; Hubbell, Wolcott.

Extreme views are never just; something always turns up which disturbs the calculations founded on their data.

A. L. Wooster, a prominent citizen of Osceola, Mich., after suffering excruciatingly from piles for twenty years, was cured in a short time by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, an absolute cure for all skin diseases. More of this preparation is used than all others combined. Dwinell, Morrisville; Vearen, Stowe; Allen, No. Hyde Park; Hubbell, Wolcott.

Be not tedious in discussion; make not many digressions nor repeat often the same manner of discourse.

Young mothers dread the Summer months on account of the great mortality among children caused by bowel troubles. Perfect safety may be assured those who keep on hand DeWitt's Colic & Cholera cure, and administer it promptly. For cramps, bilious colic, dysentery and diarrhea, it affords instant relief. Dwinell, Morrisville; Vearen, Stowe; Allen, No. Hyde Park; Hubbell, Wolcott.

A wise man adapts himself to circumstances, while a shrewd man adapts circumstances to suit himself.

Are You Made Miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. For sale by Hall & Cheney and G. B. Foss.

Some people have the knack of making other people uncomfortable trying to make them comfortable.

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Make a man laugh, and he will be your friend. Make him weep, and he will be your brother.

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Nerves on Edge. I was nervous, tired, irritable, and cross. Karl's Clover Root Tea has made me well and happy. Mrs. E. B. Warden. For sale by Hall & Cheney and G. B. Foss.

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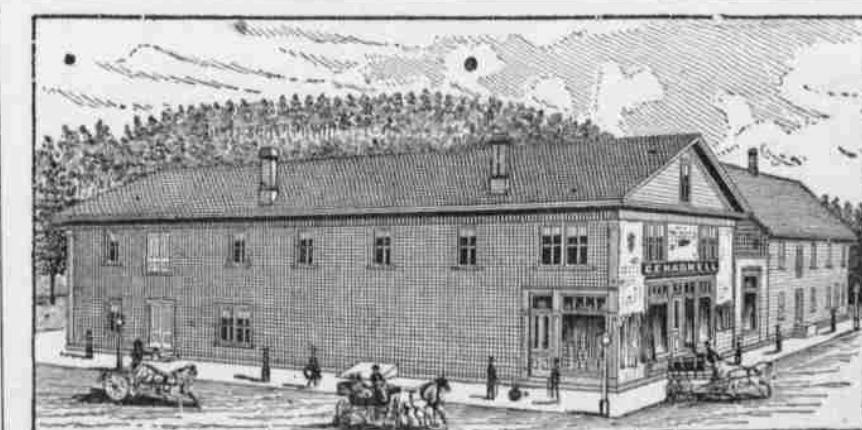
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